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SUBJ: SAQQAF'S VIEWS ON LIFTING OIL EMBARGO

1. DURING A ONE-HOUR CALL THIS MORNING ON MINSTATE FOR
FOREIGN AFFAIRS SAQQAF, SAQQAF LISTED THREE STEPS WHICH
ANY OIL IMPORTER WOULD HAVE TO TAKE BEFORE ARABS WOULD
GIVE IT PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT: (A) CONDEMN ISRAELI AG-
GRESSION AGAINST ARAB LANDS; (B) CALL ON ISRAEL TO WITH-
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DRAW TO 1967 BORDERS; (C) STATE THEY FAVOR "SELF DETER-

MINATION" FOR THE PALESTINIANS. HE STATED LAST POINT WAS SUBJECT TO VARIED INTERPRETATIONS.

2. OBVIOUSLY RELISHING THE SAG'S NEWFOUND POWER, SAQQAF SPOKE WITH PLEASURE OF THE WEST GERMAN POSITION VIS-A-VIS THE ARABS, AND OF THEIR HALTING ARMS SHIPMENTS FROM THEIR TERRITORY. WITH BRITIAN, FRANCE, AND GERMANY FOLLOWING "PROPER" POLICIES, WHAT OTHER PART OF EUROPE MATTERED? ASKED SAQQAF RHETORICALLY.

3. SAQQAF THEN STATED HIS SATISFACTION THAT ONLY SIX AFRICAN COUNTRIES NOW MAINTAINED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL, AND STATED THAT NOW WAS THE TIME TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT LATIN AMERICA. BRAZIL WAS ALREADY SYMPATHETIC TO THE ARAB POSITION, SAID SAQQAF, STATING THAT A GOOD UNDERSTANDING HAD BEEN REACHED WITH THE BRAZILIANS DURING SAQQAF'S JUNE VISIT. THE SAG IS NOW CONCENTRATING ON ARGENTINA AND HOPED IT WOULD SOON COME AROUND TO ARAB POINT OF VIEW. THESE WERE THE KEY COUNTRIES IN LATIN AMERICA, HE SAID, AND THE POSITION OF OTHERS WAS NOT OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE IF BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA SUPPORTED THE ARABS.
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